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Acting United States Attorney Kathleen Mehlretter announced today that the United States Attorney's Office is sponsoring a "Drug Endangered Children" conference on November 8 & 9, 2005 at the Niagara Falls Conference Center. This seminar is the first of its kind for this area. The conference is being co-sponsored by the Drug Enforcement Administration, the New York State Police, Canadian Emergency Planning Consultants, Inc., the National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children, the Lee Gross Anthone Child Advocacy Center, and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

The conference is intended for Canadian and American law enforcement, probation officers, prosecutors, judges, victim advocates, child protective services, medical and mental health professionals, firefighters, emergency medical services, first responders, and school officials and educators. Nationally known presenters will be covering topics including: Identifying At-Risk Children; Child Abuse Investigations; Lab

Safety & Awareness; Psycho-social Effects on Children; Abuse and Recovery; Medical Protocol; and Overview of an existing Drug Endangered Children program. Keynote presenter David Parnell will speak about his own substance abuse and how it affected his family and children.

For more information, including how to register for this conference, please contact Victim Witness Coordinator Sharon Knope at (716) 843-5828 or by e-mail at Sharon.Knope2